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The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is soliciting proposals for Clean Water Act - Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Demonstration Grant funding for Fiscal Year 2012. State and local government agencies, non-profit organizations, public institutions, and private sector organizations are eligible. Grant funding will be used to implement components of the Alabama Nonpoint Source Management Program. Proposals must incorporate significant actions or behaviors that will support progress in improving water quality impaired by nonpoint source (NPS) pollutants. Incorporation of public/private sector partnering and leveraging of human/financial capital is highly recommended.

Eligible Section 319 "Base Grant" activities include implementation of NPS best management practices and providing education/outreach, technical assistance, or technology transfer. Funds may also be used to develop and/or implement watershed management plans, mitigate NPS stormwater runoff that is not specifically required by a draft or final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, or protect groundwater. Certain reservoir/lake protection and restoration activities, other than sediment dredging, alum treatments and macrophyte harvesting, may also be eligible.

Section 319 "Incremental Grant" activities should focus on restoring NPS impaired waters using a watershed management approach. Proposals should support the development and/or implementation of a watershed management plan that addresses the nine key elements (a --- i) as required by EPA and outlined at:

<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-WATER/2003/October/Day-23/w26755.htm>. (pp. 60659-60661).

In addition, "Incremental Grant" activities should target impaired waters identified on the ADEM Clean Water Act - Section 303(d) List and implement the NPS components of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

A primary Section 319 grant priority is to achieve nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment pollutant load reductions. Other TMDL or Section 303(d) listed NPS pollutants such as pathogens, organic enrichment/low dissolved oxygen, metals, and pH may also be targeted. Estimates of NPS pollutant load reductions should be provided in the proposal.

The Section 319 grant will provide for 60% reimbursement of the total project cost. The remaining 40% of the total project cost must be provided as real or in-kind non-federal match. ADEM reserves the right to wholly fund, partially fund, or not fund any proposal or any component of any proposal. Proposal selection and grant award is contingent upon the date Section 319 funds are received by ADEM, the amount of grant funds received, the proposal's merits in implementing Alabama NPS Management Program goals/objectives, and ADEM/EPA priorities.

FY2012 proposals can be submitted electronically and proposers are encouraged to communicate with the ADEM NPS Unit prior to submitting a proposal in order to ascertain eligibility and funding availability. Grant funding is expected to be available in the fall of 2012.

Additional ADEM information is available at:

<http://www.adem.state.al.us/programs/water/npsprogram.cnt>

Additional EPA/National Section 319 reference information is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/NPS/guide.html>.

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